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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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request for continued examination (RCE) under § 1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of an English language International Search Report from an International Search Authority (Japan Patent Office) in a counterpart application citing such documents, including that portion of the International Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the International Searching Authority.

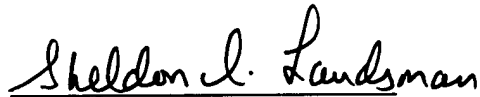
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanations:

The present specification discusses the following documents at the indicated pages: JP 2001-006699 at page 4, JP 3-64606 at page 19, JP 2000-169253 at page 22, JP 60-27700 at pages 11-12, JP 60-54998 at page 12 and pages 18 - 19, JP 8-7897 at page 4, JP 7-211324 at page 2, and JP 2778434 at pages 12 and 19. In addition, English language Abstracts or summaries are submitted herewith for the following documents: JP-B2-34606 (in the form of an Abstract for WO 86/03455), JP 2001-006699, JP 2000-169253, JP 60-27700, JP 60-54998, JP 8-7897, JP 7-211324, JP 2778384 (in the form of an Abstract for JP-A-07-150419), JP 10-223233 A, JP 2000-003714 A, JP 2000-299113 A, JP 8-017440 A, JP 7-326363 A, JP 2000-208152 A, and JP 7-134992 A.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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